

New Bedford May 24. 1837

Miss Weston.

Your last letter came to hand last evening, and the first that you wrote was brought here this morning. — The whole affair has appeared somewhat mysterious to me from the beginning. When you left N. B. I supposed you intended to return. I did not entertain the least doubt about it; and of course made no move towards getting another teacher. — I am willing to ascribe the whole to a mistake, or a misunderstanding. — It has occasioned me a great deal of uneasiness and anxiety, but it cannot be helped now. — The young ladies have been incessant in their enquiries after you, and have uniformly expressed the deepest regret at the bare suggestion that you might not return. — Nothing has yet been determined about the High School. — I cannot tell when there will be any action on the subject. — I cannot do better than defer the commencement of my female department till the question of the

High School is settled. — You say that
you are willing to return for a whole
quarter. — I will wait & till the
above question is decided, and will
communicate with you immediately. If
I continue in my own school, the services
of no other lady would be as valuable
to me as yours, and it will give me
a great deal of satisfaction to have your
return, and upon that I shall depend
in case I do not take the High School —
In great haste I remain

Truly Yours John F. Emerson

P.S. Mrs. E. unites with me in sending love to
yourself and Anne. — Henry is rather unwell
but improving. The rest are so so —

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